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**Policy Advisory Council
June 8, 2011
Draft Minutes**

Vice Chair Dolly Sandoval called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Members in attendance were Naomi Armenta, Cathleen Baker, Richard Burnett, JoAnn Busenbark, Carlos Castellanos, Bena Chang, Wilbert Din, Sandi Galvez, Richard Hedges, Allison Hughes, Dolores Jaquez, Linda Jeffery Sailors, Randi Kinman, Marshall Loring, Yokia Mason, Tanya Narath, Cheryl O'Connor, Kendal Oku, Lori Reese-Brown, Gerald Rico, and Egon Terplan. Excused: Paul Branson, Tina King Neuhausel and Federico Lopez. Absent: Evelina Molina and Frank Robertson.

Elections

Vice Chair Sandoval turned the elections process over to staff liaison Pam Grove, who asked for nominations from the floor for chair. Hearing none, Ms. Grove closed nominations and asked by show of hands of all those in favor of electing Ms. Sandoval — the only candidate — for chair. The vote was unanimously in favor.

Ms. Grove noted there was a revised candidate list for nominations for vice chair (Paul Branson and Egon Terplan). She called for nominations from the floor and, hearing none, closed nominations. On a show of hands, five were in favor of Mr. Branson, and 13 were in favor of Mr. Terplan, making Mr. Terplan the new vice chair. Four members abstained from voting.

Ms. Baker and Ms. Sandoval commended past chair Paul Branson for his gracious service and leadership over the past year.

Mr. Hedges asked whether the joint work plan meeting will be held during the Commission's meeting in May again next year. Ms. Grove said that has not yet been decided, but she will ask.

Approval of April Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the April 13, 2011 meeting were unanimously approved after a motion by Ms. Jeffery Sailors and a second by Mr. Hedges.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Subcommittee Reports

Equity and Access Subcommittee

Subcommittee Chair Naomi Armenta reported that the Equity and Access Subcommittee held a separate meeting following their participation in the Equity Working Group that morning. The Subcommittee decided to make a statement to the full Council that they would like to see equity embedded into the Council's work plan and not separated out. They then received a staff progress report on the paratransit analysis portion of the Transit Sustainability Project. The Subcommittee discussed some cost savings strategies, and commented to staff that riders should be included at the table during the analysis. The Subcommittee will continue the discussion at next month's meeting; however, since the analysis is ongoing, it is important for members with comments to forward them to staff prior to that meeting.

Ms. Armenta also commented that starting next month, the subcommittee meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. to ensure they are able to use the full time allotted for their meeting. Chair Sandoval asked and Ms. Grove agreed to provide the new subcommittee start time information to the Council.

Plan Bay Area: Defining Alternative Scenarios

Senior Planner Ashley Nguyen from MTC and Planning Director Ken Kirkey from ABAG presented some alternative scenarios that are going before the MTC's Planning Committee and ABAG's Executive Committee on Friday, June 10.

Mr. Kirkey first reminded the Council that the two main requirements of SB 375 are: 1) that we have adopted a Sustainable Communities Strategy that identifies areas within the region sufficient to house all of the expected population growth, including all economic segments of the population; and 2) that we set forth a forecasted development pattern, which, when integrated with the transportation network, results in a lowering of greenhouse gas emissions (related to how much we drive). He then went over the five alternative land-use scenarios that will be presented to the joint MTC and ABAG committee on June 10th.

Ms. Nguyen presented three transportation scenarios that align with the latter three land-use scenarios, giving some background on past spending patterns, and commenting on how the transportation and development scenarios, along with some policy initiatives, could work together to move the region toward the SCS goals. She also mentioned that the scenarios will undergo a technical analysis which will be discussed during outreach scheduled for the fall. Ms. Nguyen then went over the rest of the Plan Bay Area schedule, highlighting the adoption of a preferred scenario early next year and the final adoption of Plan Bay Area slated for early 2013.

Mr. Castellanos brought up a suggestion by the Equity Working Group to add a sixth "equity" scenario for analysis. This sixth scenario would start from the position of equity first, instead of looking at equity after a scenario has already been selected.

Other members commented or asked for clarification on the following issues:

- Make clearer where pedestrian improvements are in these scenarios

Plan Bay Area: Defining Alternative Scenarios (continued)

- What new transit services might be implemented (need to consider new innovations)
- Include equity goals and targets that each of the adopted scenarios needs to meet
- Like the suggestion by the Equity Working Group, and Council should ask the Commission to include a 6th “equity” scenario whose primary goal is to maximize equity (reduce the differences between high and low on a set of social indicators)
- Consider more joint planning between cities and counties
- Have same inputs for all the scenarios (i.e., same population, same distribution of jobs by industry, same dollars)
- All the scenarios should at least meet the greenhouse gas reduction targets and the housing targets
- Include water supply and policies as part of the discussion
- Consider how climate change and adaption strategies might impact this process
- Discuss strategies for building below market rate housing
- Do an analysis of “high performing” transit service, and who the riders are on those lines; high performing lines are most likely work commute lines, which could be an equity issue – need to identify riders on those lines
- Analyze housing needs based on income levels and whether it’s senior or family housing
- Future discussion about what it takes for local jurisdictions to attract more jobs
- Define the terms “urban core” and “suburban/outer Bay Area” (a visual map illustrating these areas would be best)

Mr. Kirkey, Ms. Nguyen and Mr. Kimsey responded to members questions and clarified future plans. The Council had a longer discussion focused on the idea of an “equity” scenario. Following discussion, the Council adopted the following comments:

Administrative comments to be addressed by staff:

- All scenarios must meet the greenhouse gas target
- All scenarios must meet the housing target, but for scenarios that don’t meet the housing target, then explain why
- All inputs are to be the same for all scenarios (jobs, population and infrastructure dollars); therefore, the variance is the distribution of the jobs and population growth in each scenario, and transportation infrastructure dollars are consistent for all scenarios

Policy comments to forward to the June 10 Joint MTC Planning and ABAG

Administrative Committee meeting:

- Do not equate “urban core” to mean urban footprint
- Set goals for all scenarios to address equity, and also request the addition of a 6th scenario that maximizes equity (TBD)

Policy Advisory Council 2011-12 Work Plan

Ms. Grove commented that based on the work plan meeting with the Commission, she included a copy of the items in the previous year’s work plan with one exception. Commissioner Sperling

Policy Advisory Council 2011-12 Work Plan (continued)

asked the Council to discuss possible legislative policies or strategies that could help implement the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Ms. Grove added the item to the Council's work plan. She also suggested the removal of the "key drivers" discussion, since that topic was discussed and resolved last fall.

Upon motion by Mr. Terplan and second by Ms. Hughes, the 2011-2012 Work Plan was approved with the aforementioned revisions. Ms. Grove agreed to provide members with the final version of the work plan.

Staff Liaison Report

Due to the late time, Chair Sandoval asked members to read the staff report, and Ms. Grove agreed.

Council Member Reports

Ms. Armenta commented that each year Alameda County hosts a senior and disabled mobility workshop. This year's event will be held on July 12 at the Ed Roberts campus in Berkeley.

Mr. Burnett reported that he attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Vallejo Downtown Transit Center on June 6.

Ms. Jaquez commented she was impressed with the exchange at last month's work plan meeting with the Commission, and looks forward to future interaction with Commissioners.

New Business

Mr. Castellanos proposed a report on the high school internship program. Ms. Grove responded that update is being planned for the Council's July agenda.

Ms. Kinman requested the Council review the work plan and have a discussion about how it will be accomplished.

Adjournment/Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 p.m. The next Policy Advisory Council meeting is scheduled for July 13, 2011 in the Lawrence D. Dahms Auditorium, Joseph P. Bort MetroCenter, Oakland, California.